

**CONSENT FOR THE CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY
2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child is being asked to be a part of our district's California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), sponsored by the California Department of Education. **This is a very important survey that will help promote better health and wellbeing among our youth, improve the school learning environment, and combat problems such as drug use, bullying, and violence.** The data from this survey is vital to the development of programs and services for students and families.

Survey Content. The survey gathers information on developmental supports provided to youth; school connectedness and barriers to learning; school safety; and health-related concerns such as physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; and risk of depression and suicide.

It is Voluntary. Students do not have to answer any questions they do not want to answer, and may skip any question or stop taking the survey at any time.

It is Anonymous. No names or ID numbers are attached to the survey data. The site and district results will be made available for analysis only under strict confidentiality controls.

Administration. The survey will be administered online between October 2nd-31st. It will take about 50 minutes to complete and will be administered during the school day.

Results. The results from this survey are compiled into school, district, and county-level CHKS reports. To view a copy of your district's report, go to <http://chks.wested.org/reports/search> (Outside Source) and type in the district name.

Your child does not have to take the survey. ***If you do not want your child to complete the survey, you must opt them out through ParentVue.***

The survey was developed by WestEd, a public, non-profit educational institution. If you wish to preview the survey, a copy of is available for you to preview in the front office of your child's school. If you have any questions about this survey, call the EGUSD Student Support and Health Services Department and ask to speak with Larrah Feliciano, Program Specialist, at 686-7568 or email lfelicia@egusd.net.